[*English*]

Systems of Issue of Passports

2330. SHRI RAM KASPE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his Report No. 1 of 1991 for the year ending March 31, 1990 had pointed out various shortcomings in the system of issue of passports; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINGH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report has been recently received. Computers and More Secured Passport are being progressively introduced in Missions/Posts abroad. Missions concerned are being advised to meticulously follow accounting procedures, render services more expeditiously and carefully attend to all complaints and suggestions.

LPG Connections in Trivandrum District of Kerala

2331. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for LPG connections in Trivandrum district of Kerala;

(b) since when these applications are pending yearwise; and

(c) the time by which the applicants are likely to be provided with LPG connections?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). As on 1.4.1991 there was 2.23 lakhs applications pending for LPG connections in Kerala. District-wise figures of pending applications are not maintained by Government.

(c) Efforts are on to give LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra

2333. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Rajgarh in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Kendra is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

LPG Agencies in Kumaun Mandal in Uttar Pradesh

2334. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to set up LPG agencies in Kumaun Mandal;